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SUBJECT: QUERIES ON AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN VISITS TO VIET-NAM

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1. AT THIS TIME WE WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE VISITS BY AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN TO EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH VIET-NAM WHERE WE HAVE
NO REPRESENTATION WHICH COULD PROVIDE PROTECTION TO AMCITS.
IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD DISCOURAGE TRAVEL TO SOUTH VIET-
NAM IN LIGHT OF UNSETTLED CONDITIONS THERE AND THE FACT
THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES ARE STILL HOLDING TEN AMERICAN
CIVILIANS TAKEN PRISONER IN MARCH AND APRIL AND ARE PROBA-
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MORE AMERICANS WHO REMAIN THERE.

2. FORMAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO NORTH VIET NAM AND PROSPECTIVE AMERICAN TRAVELERS MUST APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT (PASSPORT OFFICE) FOR VALIDATION OF PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THAT AREA. WHILE NO FORMAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY AT PRESENT TO SOUTH VIET-NAM, AS NOTED ABOVE WE WOULD STRONGLY DISCOURAGE TRAVEL THERE.

3. UNDER CURRENT U. S. FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM

ARE SUBJECT TO TREASURY LICENSE. THUS ALL AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO VIET NAM MUST MAKE APPLICATION TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL, FOR LICENSE COVERING EXPENDITURES CONNECTED WITH TRAVEL TO AND FROM VIET-NAM AND LIVING EXPENSES WHILE THERE.

4. FYI. SINCE THE FALL OF SAIGON, DEPARTMENT HAS VALIDATED PASSPORTS OF ONLY TWO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN FOR PLANNED TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET-NAM ENROUTE TO SOUTH VIET-NAM TO CHECK ON THEIR BUSINESS PROPERTIES THERE. REQUIRED TREASURY LICENSES ALSO GRANTED. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHETHER THESE INDIVIDUALS ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN VISITING EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH VIET-NAM. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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